in West Tennessee. THE situation of Europe is

still very much mixed. The city of Denison is to re ceive \$1,500 of the Peabody

"I WAST you to tell me the baretooted facts" is a Kansas

THE Court of Appeals has decided that the dog tax in this Staie is constitutional.

J. MAD. WELLS is said to have gone mad. He prefers a lunatic asylum to the "penitentiary.

Over one thousand people have been left destitute by the Hot Springs fire. An appeal is made for help. A Maine preacher, aged 92

vesty, has concluded to give up tobacco as he thinks it injures his health. He has been a slave to it for 78 years.

THE BANNER is under obligations to Hon. D. C. Giddings for a complete set of the Department reports accompanying the President's message,

THE Home Savings Bank of Boston is "busted." It owes its depositors, \$3,117,437. It owns a large amount of real estate and will probably pay in full.

Tun State election in New Hampshire goes Republican as usual. The Legislature will pro-Lably stand 80 Republicans to 65 Democrats, The Republiean net loss is about 2000.

Cor S. H. Russkil, of Marshall, the newly appointed United States Marshal, for the Western District of this State, is very highly spoken of by the

THE BANNER has received the March number of that standard sicultural journal, the Southorn Cultivator, published by W. L. Jones, Athens, Ga. It is fully up to its usual standard of

THE San Antonio Express robably speaks from experience, it says: "Nine times out of ten where you hear a man abusing a newspaper, for publishing something about him, take it for granted, the truth was

Tue San Antonio Express publishes an item from the BANNER as original editorial matter. In this it displays very good taste, but proper credit for the item would not be ob-Sectionable, Perhaps it was an oversight.

A WASHINGTON special to the Galveston News says Scott's Texas Pacific bill meets with more lavor in the Senate than in the House: A majority report favoring the Texas Pacific hill will undoubtedly be made to the Senate.

GEN. O. O. HOWARD, of Freedmans' Burean and Chief. Joseph tame, was in Washington a few days ago in a different role. He is to appear beture the criminal court, where anit is pending against him for the recovery of certain sums of money, in which it is alleged be has defaulted.

On SUNDAY last during the morning church hour Atlanta. Ga., was visited by a very severe tornado. The Episcopal church was blown down over the heads of the congregation; righteen persons were injured, but none fatally. A number of other buildings were more or damaged,

Turne does not seem to be any material change in the situation in Europe. The Czar is pacifically inclined. Austria is dissatisfied. The London Times contends that Russia must subthe Congress. The great powecs did not invite her to make war or give her permission to

The greenback movement is assuming shape in Grayson The Denison News says the greenback men, or as they call themselves "the Nationals," will put out a separate ticket in Grayson county, and will take advantage of any want of harmony in the Democratic ranks. They have signified a determination to maintain a separate organization, and have manifested a persistent hostility to the Democratic party. This is just exactly what might have been expected of them. It seems that the Denison and Sherman greenbackers are the first to take off the mask. The others will speedily follow suit. It behooves every true Democrat to stick the closer to his party, and maintain its organization intact. We have no doubt but that it the "National" movement develops sufficient strength at the State Greenback Convention, now being held at Austin, an attempt will be made to put a tull State ticket in the field. Such a ticket would, beyond any doubt, be inimical to the interests of the Democracy. The

Political.

greenbackers will bear watch-

THE Georgetown Sun indulger in a disquisition on political parties, and concludes by saying Many of our friends are members of Greenback clubs, but we suppose that few, if any of them, dream of the organization of a permanent political party on the issues which they present to the country. In this we think the Sun will find itself grievously mistaken. The greenbackers, under the manipulation of Brick Pomeroy and kindred spirits, are doing their utmost to disrupt the Demoeratic party in this country. If they can accomplish nothing sooner, they will, undoubtedly, put a ticket in the field for the Presidential election in 1880. Just exactly what they want to accomplish is unknown, even to thomselves

Schleicher on the Silver Bill.

HON, G. SCHLEICHER Writes to the San Antonio Express to say that the Bland silver bill will not bring any relief to the country. The coinage under it is limited; the silver dollar is a lecher, every one of them will be bought up and paid tor custom dues; paid out by the government, and again be bought up and paid for customs; thus keeping the dollar moving in a circle and out of the hands of the people. He also says: "You must therefore not look for much reliet now, even if that small amount of coinage ranges, at pretty high figures." The letter concludes: "I hope we will get up a true silver bill yet. based upon correct principles and then you will find me its strong supporter."

THE St. Louis Republican of the 8th inst. contains a detailed account of the burning of the steamer City of Chester, at the Memphis wharf. The fire broke out about 2 o'clock in the morning, shortly after the boat had landed. The flames spread very rapidly and in order to save the elevator, at which she was laying, the lines were cut and the boat drifted out into the stream with a number of the crew and passengers on board. Three lives were lost.

THE Navasota Tablet learns than there will soon be in the field a full compliment of Radical candidates for the different county officers of Grimes county. It is also said that they will be organized into claus Union League fashion. The Tablet thinks that by a thorough organization of the Democracy of the county, and a county convention which will nominate men o' undoubted integrity and allity, the ticket can be elected in spite of all opposition.

THE BANNER is in receipt of Colman's Rural World, a large eight page paper, published at St. Louis, and now in its mit to the peace conditions of thirtieth year. The Rural World is one of the oldest as well as one of the best agricultural papers in the Mississippi replace the government of the valley. It is published weekly at \$2 per year,

The Two-Thirds Rule.

The question of abrogating the two thirds rule at the coming Democratic State convention is still being discussed by the State press. Some few papers favor it on the ground that it has been a time honored enstom with the party. The custom is very like that of go-

ing to mill with halt a bushel of corn in one end of the sack and stone in the other to balance The time has evidently passed when the two-thirds rule should govern the action of conventions. The Democratic doctrine that the majority rules should be substituted. A man may be the choice of a majority of the convention, and yet be defeated by a very small minority, who persistently refuse to vote with the majority. By this means a popular candidate may be detented because of his inability to obtain the requisite wo-thirds vote. The Waco Talephone and the Rusk Observer, both sound Democratic papers, say emphatically that the necessity for the two-thirds rule has passed, and that the first choice of the convention, as expressed by the majority vote, should be the candidate for Governor. It rests with the convention itself to say whether or not the two-thirds rule shall obtain.

For Liberia.

A special dispatch from Charleston, S. C., to New York, says the sailing ship Azor has left Boston for the former city loaded with provisions, farming utensils, dry goods, boots, shoes, etc., the property of colored people intending to take passage Liberia. Three hundred and fifty men, women and children are quartered in Charleston awailing their departure. Thus, it seems the movement is taking a tangible shape. Those that are going consist of independent small farmers who have acquired the means by selling out at a sacrifice and having means to support themselves in Liberia for six ments. It is stated that fully one-halt of the negroes in South Carolina are anxious to migrate, and would go it they had the means. A stock company has been organized. Every stockholder is entitled to one passago when his turn comes. At present there are 30,000 shares, which sell at \$10 each. It is claimed that 35,000 colored people in the South have invested in the en-

terprise. attention to the defective collection laws of Texas. It cities an instance in which two large capitalists from Maryland who visited the State with the intention of loaning money, and after a couple of days investigation arrived at the conclusion that they could not trust their money on any securities which could be given. Until the laws are amended capitalists from other States will not invest their money The Comcannot find security which will stand the strain of legal proceedings, it will not come here.

Tak Houston Telegram says arrangements have been perfected between a prominent St. Louis merchant and the I. and G. N., Texas and Pacific and Iron Mountain roads, for the transportation of early vegetables from Houston to Northern markets at reduced rates. A number of refrigerator cars are being built. The shipment of early vegetables from Southern Texas, is as yet only in its infancy. A large and profitable business will be done in this line before many years.

Mr. Mills has written a letter to the Comanche Cheif positively declining to allow his name to be used before the convention for Governor. It, however, his friends desire it he will be a candidate tor re-election to Congress. The Belton Journal says it will support Mr. Mills, for re-election because it believes there is no one in the district who would so ably represent it in Washington,

IN THE matter of Brown Bowen, convicted of murder in Gonzales county, the Court of Appeal affirmed the death sentence. | olution of 98,

The Chinese Famine

In the Northern province of China seventy millions of people are starving. Famines have occured in those parts, but none have ever been so widespread.

The Scientific American say during the past two hundred years, the desert has been encroaching upon Northern China the regions now afflicted under going climatic changes almost without paralled in the history of civilized countries. Water courses have disappeared; mas sive bridges now span river beds whose flools have wasted every where can be found evidence of a former population one ne dense as that of one bad South China. Famines and civil wars have greatly depleted the population, yet in the stricken district there is still twice as many people as there are in the United States. Formerly the dificiences of Northern China were supplied from the South by way of the great canal, extending 650 miles from Soochow to Tientsin, on the Perho, near, Pekin. For a thousand years this was the greatest artery of commerce in the world; but it lost its feeders, and became for the most unnavigable, when the Yangtse-Kiang shifted its channels and found a new outlet three hundred miles north of its old one.

Thus cut off from its only source of relief in case of failing crops. with scanty means of internal ommunication, and subject to a overnment that has not the energy to combat so dire an vil. even if it had the power, the stricker region must bear its affection as best it may.

The Chinese government opposed to railroads and has torn up the first and only line of railway in that country.

Prohibition.

The Texas Christian Advorate save

"As the cars stopped at Ledbetter we saw something which we commend to the Brenham BANNER, and the voters of Vashington county who defeated prohibition. A young man was lying on the platform in a dranken stupor.' The Brenham BANNER took

o part in the election on prohibition. It was left entirely with the voters themselves, and was opposed by some of the prominent members of the There are about 4,700 voters in the county. The total vote in favor of it was hardly one hundred out of some twelve hundred votes polled, the other The Dallas Commercial calls thirty-five hundred voters in the county taking no interest in it whatever. We are fully aware of the evils of intemperance, but are by no means satisfied that local option or prohibition is the way to avert it. We do not propose to enter into a discussion of the subject, but would call the Advocate's attention to the fact that Ledbetter is in Fayette, not Washington county. The citizens of Washington county are as temperate, as moral and as religious as those of any other county in the broad State of Texas, and just why the Advocate should have singled out the BANNER and Washington county, as an example to illsustrate the evil effects of nonprohibition we are at a loss to understand. In Galveston there are, it is estimated, not less than eighty public bar rooms, a number of gambling houses as open as the bars and dens of prostitution by the score. Can the Advocate do nothing to abate the evil of which it com-

THE London Times publishes statistics to show that while the aggregate mass of crime in cities is, of course, large, the proportion of criminals to the population is, it anything, smaller than in towns and rural districts. In London the proportion is 4 in 10,000; in Liverpool 11 to 10,000; in Taunton, a small place, 17 in 10,000.

MRS. ELLEN KENNEDY, & DRtive of Ireland, died in Chicago on Sunday last, baving attained the remarkable age of 106 years. She was born in 1772, and retained a remarkable memory of the Napoleonie wars, and alse of the Irish reve

STATE NEWS.

- Dallas now has a steam candy factory.

- Burglars are plying their rocation in Dallas -The Comanche Greenback

club has forty members. -San Jacinto day will be

duly celebrated at Honston. - A temperance movement has been organized at Marlin.

- Eggs are selling at five cents a dozen at Durango, Falls -The trees in the vicinity of

Dallas are leafing out beautitally. - Navasota has a grand Purim masquerade ball on the

19th inst. -The small grain crop in the vicinity of Schulenburg are

looking thrifty. -Beaumont shipped thirty car loads of lumber the first week in March.

-A young man named Robertson was hanged by a mob in Denton county.

THE Round Rock Headlight as again donned its ulster or patent outside. - Home made bacon is sell-

ing from wagons in Belton a S cents a pound. - The San Saba steam mills

are now turning out an excel lent quality of flour. - Hon. II. L. Ray, a prominent politician and member of

the Dallas bar, is dead. -The grocery store of Mr. Eijah Pinder, at Houston, was buglarized the other night.

- The cracker factory at Sherman was burned on 12th inst. Loss \$25,000.

-There are now thirteen cases of small pox at Bremond Three deaths have occured.

-J. R. Stark, manager of lumber yard near Crockett, was shot while in bed and killed.

- The Hempstead Messenge reports that two new brick stores are to be put up at once, - The Columbus Citizen notes larger quantities of lum-

ber going west via the Sunset route. - Corn is up in many farms n Colorado county. Cotton has

been planted by many, though not generally. - Farming lands, improved and unimproved, are selling in

Colorado county at from \$3 to \$10 per acre. - Pigeon-droppers are ply ing there vecation in Dallas A countryman was plucked to

the tune of \$20. -The Waco Mai Fest will give a premium of \$200 for the best brass band and \$100 for the second best.

THE Galveston Nonce of the 14th inst. contains account of five murders committed within the last two days. - The matrimonial marke in Colorado county is quoted as

being remarkably dull-hard times, you know -Au organized band of horse theives are supposed to have

their her dquarters in the vicinity of Round Rock. - Four hundred Scandinavian families are located in Bosque county. They are ex-

cellent and thrifty farmers. -The Waco Mai Fest comes The Waco Mai Fest comes off on the 8th and 9th of May. Brenham will have a Volksteet

on the 10th and 11th of May. -A telephone has been erec ted between the offices of the mayor and chief ot police in Dallas. It works like a charm.

-D. R. Francis, county sureyor of Robertson county, bas peen arrested on the charge of being connected with the land

- Galveston's Greenback Club held a meeting on Saturday night, and appointed a delegate to the convention at

- The theatrical season at Houston closed with the engagemement of Frank Mayo, which was the least profitable of anv.

- A correspondent of the Galveston News gives a graphic description of the boiling wells in the vicinity of Sour Lake, Hardin county. -A new brick store 25x80

stend. The Messenger thinks much building will be done the coming summer. - A fight occurred in Tom Green county between Ameriters. One Mexican was killed

and another wounded. Tuk Dallas Morning Call speaking of two rustic Ethiopi an youths who were anxious to fight, says they were endeavoring to "crawl each other's log."

-The work of constructing the coffer dam for the Brazos bridge, will soon be begun. The Hempstead Messenger says the work will be pushed to comple-

-At Austin on Wednesday, Alderman Joseph Nalle stab bed Alderman T. J. Markley.

killing bim instantly.

-All the telegraph poles be tween Belton and Round Rock have been "planted". It now only remains to stretch the wire,

- The Morning Call says high rents will kill a town as dead as Houston, and that Dallas is suffering from the dis-

- Society Vorwaerts, of Den ison, have purchased a lot and will at once proceed to erect the necessary buildings for a gympasinm.

- The Columbus Citisen says the present grand jury is accused of being the worst looking set of men which could be collected together in the county.

- The Giddings Lone Star says crops reports are very favorable from all parts of the county. There will be a considerable diversity of crops.

if there is man in the United States who has five or six thousand dollars to invest in building a hotel in Comanche. - The Schulenburg Argua

- The Chief wants to know

will this week be removed to Flatonia 13 miles west of present location the name will e changed to the Flatonia Arque

- The Dallas Hecald save the gutters are in a most filthy condition and demand immediate attention. There is no doubt but Dallas is a scented

place. -The Telephone reports the arrival in Waco of a wooly mule and a freedman The mule is an exact counterpart of Fremont's celebrated "wooly

- A lady in Colorado conn ty succeeded in capturing s large chicken hawk as it was in the act of catching a young chicken in her vard. She wrung

his hawkship s neck. - A petition is in circulation in Giddings asking the Board of Alderman to abolish the office of mayor and marshal and ne ing the salaries paid them in building fire cisterns.

-- Two years ago, says the Chief, Comanche county sertp was dull sale at twenty-five cents on the dollar. To-day it is worth seventy-five to eighty cents and but little offering.

-A Mr. McKee residing near Salado, Bell county, had two year old child, It crawled under the bed and finding a box of strychnine pills ate about torty of them. Physicians were called in, but the child died.

tock place in Walker county. seven miles from Lovelady, re sulting in the killing of Humphries and Foster, and the The Comanche Chief has

-A neighboroood quarrel

not fully determiened who it is for in the Gubernational race, but it is certain that it is not Gassy Dick Hubbard, or Gardener Lang, or John Ireland." - In the District Court of

Falls county, Judge Alexander presiding, charged the grand jury, laying special stress on the growing practice of granting continuances in criminal cases

- Thompson's variety show ad, has been dropped from the columns of the Dallas Commer cial, and it is preparing to renew the war on Thompson in particular and variety shows in general.

-A correspondent of the Galreston News from Liberty says the Walker and Black case was called at Walliaville and continued by the State. Applicatused.

- Ed. Barrantee was brought to Hempstead on Monday last and turned over to the jailer. The stolen jewelry was recovered, but the stolen money had all been spent, excepting about twenty dollars.

- Mr. Helms of Comanche county draws his pension reguarly as a soldier of the war of 1819. He was in the battle of New Orleans. Mr Helms is hale and hearty and can do a good days work yet.

- The Marlin Ball save there are about 200 Tonkaway Indians in Shackelford county, who live in a half civilized and harmless condition upon their own labor and the charity of the neighbors. -The Houston Telegram says feet is being erected in Hemp-

on Sunday last the bodies of three dead negroes were found in the woods near the road between Sandy Point and Chenango. The bodies were full of bullet holes. An inquest was held and indications seemed to point to the fact that the negroes were cattle theives.

- In Dallas some man with, perhaps, less than a thimble full of brains in his cranium, made a negro boy, about five years old, drunk, thinking that be was having much thu and at the same time time perpetrating a huge joke on the small negra Such a man should be whipped about half to death with dogwood switches,

Texas has sent 613 convicts to the penitentiary during the last ten months, and they are yet going every day. The penal code needs amendment.

-The San Sala Neits save several local option cases which had been pending in the District Court, were transferred to a instice's court and the justice deciding that he had no jurisdietion dissuissed them

- A gentleman residing Weimar bought two cows high grade Alderney for \$100. The cows give from three to four gallons of milk each per Fine cows are evidently the cheapest in the long run.

-- Horse theires have been raiding in the neighborhood of Schulenburg. The Argus snggests the organization in each neighborhood of societies for the detection, arrest and prosecution of horse and cattle

THE Bazos Pilot (Bryan) endorses the suggestion grand jury of that county favoring the whipping-post. Pilot says: Anything would be preferable to the present uncertain dilatory and disastronsly expensive mode of punishing small

-The trial of W. L. Hawn for the murder of A. G. Miller was commenced at Dallas or Friday last. The case excites much interest and will proba bly require a full week's trial as a large number et witnesses are to be examined.

The Schulenburg Argue says Mr. Tom Scott and his sycophants seem determined to three Throckmorton to be a candidate for Governor at all hazards. Mr. Throckmorton has signified his willingness to be sacrificed.

- Two McLennan county preachers had a difficulty, and meeting in the road indulged "cussin" bee. They were arrested and taken before a justien; one was taxed \$60 for trimmings and things; the other was honorably discharged.

- Kano is no longer correct in the flourshing city of Denison. A raid was made by the county authorities on the bank; hanker and his assistants as well as a number of kenoists were captured. Keno is a very fine game-especially for the

San Saba county jail charged of assaulting a man with deadly weapon. Some time ago he was tried for lunacy before the county Court, and declared by the jury to be sane. He will now be tried again the issue being whether he is a criminal

-Fayette Coleman, a deputy sheriff of Brazos county left Bryan five days ago on horseback for the purpose of serving process in the county. He has horse was found with his over coat tied to the saddle, having six buckshot holds through it Foul play is suspected.

- Beaumont Lumberman, Judge Pedigo bolds court in Chambers county this week He reports the district ramarkably quiet. So har as criminal business is concerned there are probably less than a dozon cases a year in his district.

Tue Dallas Commercial is opposed to the two-thirds rule and favors a majority nomination. It says that so far as the canvasa has progressed but two fore the people. viz Throck-morton and Honest Dick Hub-

- The San Saha News says "One year will soon have passed since local option was carried in this county, and in all this time the authorities have been pegging away to got convic tions by reason of a violation of the law, but not a single case has yet been gained."

- Georgetown Sun: Vaccination is now in style ... Fishing tackle and "wurroms" are in demand ... Garden plants are coming up and chickens are eating them down .. Four or five new tamilies have located here during the past two months The heel flies are after the cattle....Some miscreant entered the Easley school and tore up the estament and other books

Last Sunday the New York Herald printed sixty columns of advertisements. In to the fact the Hrald does no consider this an evidence of good times or of reviving prosperity, but of the importance of making special efforts to do business in a dull time. The man who retuses to advertise his business because business is dull does not understand the real object and value of advertising. If times are hard and business goes slowly then it must be pushed and urged, and forced to go by advertising .-Houston Telegram.

Coxgressional proceedings are at pressent devoid of public interest, The Pacific railroad discussion as still going on. Conkling's hill from the Committee on Commerce, in favor of Bennett's porlar expedition was passed without debate,

The Greenback Convention.

We make the following stans mary from the Austin States

The Independent Greenfack Conventist met in Representative Hall at I o'clock on Toesday. About 40 delegates were present, some eight or ten being colored. Twenty of the delegates are residents of Travis contrav. W. H. Billing-lea, of Washings ton county, was elected permis-nent president.

A letter from Brick Pomerov was read. It set forth that the members of the Greenback party had generally severed their connection with both political parties, and he urge I the party n Texas to press forward until it came into control of the

A number of speeches were made. In the evening a platform and a cart load of resolutions were adopted. The convention adjourned sine die about 10 o'clock.

Hon, George McCormick is poken of by the Columbus Citzen as a descrable and eligible candidate for Attorney General in the ensuring campaign. He has made an efficient Assistant Attorney General, in which capacity he is at present acting, nd will be a strong man if placed before the people. - Com-

anche Chief. THE BANNER wishes it distinetly understood that it will lavor no one else than the wonnded, crippled and lacerated soldier-parriot, Hamibal II. Boone. tor this position, and we have sufficient faith in the wisdom of the next convention to believe that he will receive the nomination for re-election upon the first ballot, or by acclama-

- The Navasota Tollet men talls for a few spring chickens he wants 'em on subscriptions,

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